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KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD  
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER  
June 20, 2019

6:30 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Ron Johnson.

- Board members in attendance: Ron Johnson, Susan Cushing, Paul Hayes, Dave Maxwell, A.J. Mann, Reggie Nelson, Richard Wallin; Board members absent: Bill Quackenbush, Tracy Littlejohn, Travis Downing. Staff present: Marcy West, Jason Leis, Erica Cronk, Jackie Yocum.

Annual Field Trip: All items for information and discussion only. No action items.

- Stop at Landing 7 – discuss river access issues; Bill Teynor, owner of Titanic Canoe Rentals – Jamie Dewitt, owner of OK Corral - Tony Kelbel, owner of Drifty's Canoe Rental present for discussion. West shared portable toilets have been attached to trees or something solid after last flood; relocated garbage bins to higher ground, further from boat ramp; iron rangers cleared of mud and debris. Permanent signage has been ordered for a no parking section so canoe liveries can get in and out of loading area. Suggestion made to make landings larger and move garbage bins back near where users exit the water. Another suggestion to have sign or diagram that shows users where to park. Consider a river ambassador on busy weekends from 10am-2pm reminding users no glass on river and assisting with parking and other issues as needed. Discussed the difficulty of getting in and out at the landing, cleaning mud off is also difficult. Johnson and Wallin suggested either a railing or poles to assist paddlers at ramp.
- Discussion on Commercial License Agreement - Drifty's, Titanic and Kickapoo Yacht Club have signed. OK Corral expressed concern that he has fewer boats and pays same fee.
- Walk to campsite T – discuss floodplain ordinance requirements regarding designated campsites. Not in compliance with State regulations of needing to alert campers within 72 hours of a severe weather event; approximately fourteen sites on property are in floodplain. Discussion on relocating sites to higher ground. Sites would remain primitive and get mowed. Hayes suggest prioritizing sites with most hazards and reduce number of overall sites if necessary. Viewed possible relocation site for current campsite T across the road.
- Drove north on Hwy 131 to Hay Valley road – view Hay Valley Quadrant agriculture conversion. Quadrant located on Trust Land. Organic Valley is transitioning field to organic.
- On route to Weister Creek drove by new Hay Valley Bridge and discussed the re-opening of Old 131 trail which had been closed for a paving project from Indian Creek to Landing 12.
- Stop at new parking lot off Wolf Valley Road along Weister Creek. Leis updated finished gravelling it today; lot fits four or five vehicles and includes a post for Amish buggies. Hayes/Leis working on DNR specific signage to acknowledge donors. Phase 5 work going to begin soon – looking to finish in September which will complete the project. Comment made how well the creek and banks held up during the August 2018 flood.
- Final stop along Old 131 trail to view potential relocation of Landing 14 group camp area; potential site located on the right side of trail when going south from County Road P west.
- Return to Visitor Center.

Next KRMB Meeting July 18, 2019 - Meeting adjourned 8:45pm.

Recorded by:  
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